

# English Students' Good Work

# 1C Students

## My best friend

By 1C Johnny Yuen

What is 'Best Friend'? 'Best Friend' is a friend who will never desert you. When there is a problem, they will support you too. I have one, he is my primary schoolmate, Giano.

He is a boy. He is 12 years old. His hobby is playing tennis. I met him when I was in primary 4.

Our common interest is to talk about some hi-tech things, such as i-Pad, i-Phone. Our another common interest is to play tricks on each other and to some other classmates.

Maybe you will think we look like fair-weather friends, but I will also tell him what happened in my daily life. When I feel stressful with my homework, he probably will tell some jokes and make me laugh again.

All in all, I am so glad to meet this friend in my primary school life. I hope I will meet a friend like him at King Ling College in future.

## My best friend

By 1C Doris Lam

My best friend is Charissa. I met her long time ago. We met at the beach. I was sitting on a big rock with my pet, Lloyd, a beautiful black cat and watching the sunrise. I looked as if a jewel. At that time, I saw Charissa, who was standing near my brother and smiling to me.

She looked kind. She got long hair and a pair of big eyes. There was always a smile on her face. She had a sweet voice and she liked singing. She is excellent to me.

We studied together and played together. We usually stayed together. People thought we were twins. When one of us was sick, another one would write note and took care of the other. We were friends. We were sisters too.

During holidays, we usually played at the beach together. We usually played video games together. We felt happy when we stayed together. We wanted to be friends forever. We wanted to stay together forever but it was impossible.

I needed to come back to Hong Kong to study Primary School and she needed to stay in the U.S.A.. I didn't want to leave her but she encouraged me to be kind to others. We made a promise. She will come to Hong Kong on my fifteenth birthday. Although we now stay in different places, we still keep in touch. We are still friends. I will wait for that day. I hope she can recognize me when we meet on that day.

# 2D Student

If I were Donald Tsang.....

by To Yan Wa, Cat (2D)

If I were Donald Tsang, I  
I'd distribute half of the revenue to Hong Kong people  
then everyone would finally believe  
that how much I achieve

If I were Donald Tsang  
I'd announce every Friday and Saturday as public holiday  
People do not need to work on these days  
And everyone would shout hurray  
No one would be dismay

If I were Donald Tsang  
I could do whatever I want  
but I am only an ordinary Form 2 girl  
who could only dream of the world  
and let it unfurl, twirl and swirl

## Acrostic Poem

2E Ivy Kei Wai

In the empty house  
Very quiet on my own  
Yelling but no one response.

Kissed me softly  
Every night regularly  
In the house, you are not here.

Where  
Are you?  
I miss you all so much.

## Acrostic Poem

2E Christy Cheng

Comfort you when you are sad,  
Here my voice and you will be glad.  
Read my mind and we play so mad.  
I love you is what we always say.  
Study in class but chat on our own.  
Tell me everything on the phone.  
You will never be alone.

# 3A Student

Sherice Poon 3A (5)

## Picture Story – What a sad day!

One day, Ms Hatim was reading newspaper at home. She saw a piece of advertisement on the newspaper saying there would be a pre X'mas Sale on 4th December at 9:00 a.m. She was excited and surprised.

On that day, she woke up at 8:00 a.m. and arrived at the shopping mall at 8:50 a.m. By the time she arrived, there were many people crowding at the door, waiting for the store to open.

When she was choosing clothes, a man stood behind her and his hand was searching in Ms Hatim's bag. He stole her wallet. Ms Hatim was unaware of that.

After she tried on all the clothes she chose, she went to the cashier. The salesperson said, "A total of \$500, please" Ms Hatim searched in her bag but she couldn't find her wallet.

"Oh my god! Where is my wallet?" Ms. Hatim said.

"Please let us check out first." The other customers said.

Ms Hatim said to the salesperson, "Sorry, I can't find my wallet. I don't want those clothes." Ms Hatim left the mall and went to a po-

lice station and reported her loss.

“What’s the color of your wallet and what’s inside?” The policeman asked.

“My wallet is yellow in color and there are give credit cards and \$500 inside.” Ms Hatim said.

“We will help you find your wallet. If we have any news, we will call you.” The policeman said.

At the end, Ms Hatim could not buy anything in the pre X’mas sale and lost her wallet.

# 3B Students

Strawberry

Strawberry, strawberry,  
with freckles so many.  
She's the queen of fruit  
wears a red gown,  
and a green crown.  
When I see her,  
my heart  
skips  
beat.

Wong Tzi Yan (3B)  
King Ling College

Pillow

You softly touch my rosy cheeks.  
Get a rest is what I seek.  
I made a dream that was unusually strange.  
I'm relieved the world is not going to change.  
Bring me to your dreamland please.  
Coz' I want to sleep in peace.

Suki Tsang Lam Lam (3B)  
King Ling College



Time  
Time is a control freak.  
She takes control of my world  
And never stops urging me.  
Time is as annoying as my parents.

Choi Po Yi (3B)  
King Ling College

The sun

You are the burning fireball,  
so hot that nobody dares touch.  
You glow in the dark space,  
and shine like a huge pendant light above us.

You-the shinning pearl.  
You are the giant of the world.  
You wake all the creatures up.  
Buzz! Meow! Woof!  
They are saying good morning to you.

Ellen Fung Nga Lun (3B)  
King Ling College

# 3C Students

3C Lau Wai Fong Michelle

## Tour guides in Hong Kong

A Chinese man who travelled to Hong Kong argued with the tour guide because he spent very little money in the jewellery shop. The tour guide was very angry with it and she did not let the man leave. The man then died of a heart attack after the argument. This case has given Hong Kong a bad name. Besides, it also brings a problem: why did the tour guide do this? It is because they do not have the basic salary to earn a living.

Some tour guides do not have the basic salary and that is why they force tourists to buy something so as to get bonuses. I think the government should set up a new law to protect the tour guides for having the basic salary. The travel agencies should punish the tour guides who are impolite. Furthermore, more training sessions should be given to them, such as lessons on improving their attitudes when serving others.

Tourism is one of the important sectors of Hong Kong's economy, so we should do our best to protect it.

## Mid-Autumn Festival

Dear Cecilia,

How are you? Do you have a nice life at your school? 23rd September was a Mid-Autumn Festival this year. Let me tell you something about the Mid-Autumn Festival in this letter.

Mid-Autumn Festival is a Chinese traditional festival. People traditionally celebrate this festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar. Every year, when the festival comes, people go home from every corner of the world to meet their family and have dinner with them.

Why is the Mid-Autumn Festival so important? It is related to the moon. Actually, Chinese people like the moon very much. In Chinese culture, the full moon is a symbol of peace and prosperity for the whole family. During the mid-August of the Chinese calendar, the moon is full. Besides, 'eight' is a popular number in Chinese culture, symbolizing wealth and prosperity. So people believe that this day is very propitious.

The Mid-Autumn Festival has a history of 2000 years. During these 2000 years, lots of Mid-Autumn traditions were found. All the celebrations show the happiness and excitement of people. For example, they have a reunion dinner with their family members,

play lanterns and riddles. People also eat moon cakes and a variety of fruits, like star-fruits, pomelos and persimmons, with their family.

In this year, I had a reunion dinner with my family members. My family and I went to a park and we saw a full moon! Besides that, I also ate moon cakes, a lot of fruits, red taros and water caltrops with my family. The things that I like to during the Mid-Autumn Festival include wax burning, playing the lanterns and riddles.

Do you like Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival? What festival do you have in Australia? I have to stop here. Write soon please!

Yours,  
Yanie

# 3D Student

Claire Au 3D (1)

## A nightmare

Once upon a time, there was a lazy girl called Milky. She did not like studying so her parents always punished her.

One night, she had a dream. A witch who had a scar and many wrinkles on her face was flying to her in the dream. She looked like a monster and she started talking to Milky. “Hey, sweet lady, you seem so upset, what are you thinking about?”

Milky was very surprised, “How do you know that? Who are you? I don’t know you.”

“Don’t be nervous!” I am a witch. I want to help you solve your problems. I will not hurt you.” The witch patted her and said.

Milky muttered, “I hate studying. Boring as it is, I need to study every day. Otherwise, my parents will punish me. I feel so annoyed.”

The witch pretended to be sad about hearing what Milky said and comforted her, “I’m sorry to hear that, dear. I will help you, and then you won’t be sad anymore.”

Milky stared at the witch, “Really? How can you help me?”

The witch whispered, “I will bring you to a wonderful kingdom. You don’t have to study and will not be punished by your parents there.

However, you cannot go back home after going to that place. Do you want to go with me?"

Milky nodded her head and answered her quickly," Of course I want to!"

When Milky arrived at the Kingdom, she saw a board with some words on it. "Evil Kingdom" Milky felt confused but she didn't mind this at all. When they were walking on the road the led to a town, Milky saw some red dots on the road. She asked the witch, "What are the red dots?"

The witch said, "You don't need to know." Then, she started to walk quickly.

After a half hour, they arrived at the town. Milky could not believe her eyes. She saw many people donating blood and many skeletons on the floor. Milky yelled," What are they doing?"

"They are working. Our king is a vampire. Our work just needs us to donate blood to the king. So you don't need to study anymore, you just need to donate blood to earn money. Don't you feel happy my dear? "

Milky was very frightened and muttered, "Are there any other ways to earn money?"

The witch said, "Of course. You can kill others and sell them to earn money."

Milky felt regretful after noting this, she murmured, “Can I go back home? I don’t want to stay in this terrible place. It is a prison. No! It’s more terrible than a prison!”

Although Milky said very softly, the witch still heard it, “You want to go back home? Oh, sorry, you just have no chance because you have already known about our kingdom’s secret, so you cannot leave forever!”

Milky shook her body and cried, “I’ve made a wrong decision. I miss my home and parents. I want to leave!”

The witch just laughed at her and left. Suddenly, a muscular man walked to her. His hand was holding a knife. He was going to kill Milky! Milky shouted, “No! Don’t kill me!”

“Ring...Ring..” “Milky, wake up! You are going to be late!” someone yelled. Milky woke up and shouted, “Where am I? Am I dead?”

“Milky, you are in your room. What happened? I’m your mum!” Milky’s mother was worried about her.

“Mum, I don’t want to leave. I will work hard and be a good daughter. Please don’t leave me!” Milky cried loudly.

Milky’s mother stroked her head and gave her a hug, “My silly daughter, no matter how bad you are, I still love you.”

Students’ Good Work (3E)

Poems

# 3E Students

Kelvin Ting Ming Chit (33)

## 1. My cat

My pet is a cat.

Her name is called Pat.

Her body is round and fat.

Her furry skin likes a mat.

Weak Pat is afraid of the strong rat.

But Pat, which likes playing at night, is a bat.

She likes playing with a hat.

She often sleeps in a vat.

Pat is a member of my family.

She is my best friend really.

I always talk to her happily.

I love her with all my heart sincerely.

## 2. The Four Seasons by Jason Shek Tak Shing (32)

Spring just likes a new born baby.

The wet weather likes the tears of the baby.

The mist covers the future of the baby.

He will not know because he cannot look through it.

Summer just likes a teenage boy.

The hot weather likes the passion of the teenage boy.

The sun brightens the life of the teenage boy.

He is happy because he is full of hope.



Autumn just likes a middle-aged man.  
The dry weather likes the skin of the man.  
The wind blows in the daily life of the man.  
He cannot stop because he has a lot of things to mend.

Winter just likes an old man.  
The cold weather feels like the body of the old man.  
The snow freezes the heart of the old man.  
He cannot laugh because he has a broken heart.

### 3. The Heaven and the Hell by Jaffit Wong Tze Yin (15)

The Heaven and the Hell

Where the bible will tell

Heaven is the place where you feel well

Hell is the place where you will yell

Heaven, it is wonderful

Heaven, it is beautiful

Heaven, it is peaceful

Heaven, it has no devil

Hell, it is horrible

Hell, it is unbelievable

Hell, it is inescapable

Hell, it has no angel

Angel, full of kindness

Angel, full of happiness

Angel, full of gentleness

Angel, full of brightness

Devil, full of horribleness

Devil, full of slyness

Devil, full of selfishness

Devil, full of darkness

Devil, don't be so arrogant

The God will come for judgment

Amen

## 1. A Creative Story

The Horse and The Donkey by Gary Chow Kwai Chun (21)

Once upon a time, there was a strong horse and a weak donkey.

They followed their master to a market. The donkey carried a very heavy load while the horse carried only a light sack.

“Mr. Horse, I feel sick today. Would you please help me with some of my load?” the poor donkey begged.

“Of course not! Our master gave you a heavy load to carry. You should not try to get rid of it! I am a noble horse and should not carry such a heavy burden!” the horse said proudly.

But after a while, the donkey stopped again and said, “Please, Mr. Horse. Please help me! If you don’t help me, I am afraid I won’t reach the market alive.” This time, the horse simply ignored his words and went ahead. Suddenly, the donkey fainted and died on the ground.

The master took the load from the poor donkey and put it all onto the horse back. The horse cried and thought, “I should have helped the donkey. A little more weight wouldn’t cause me any harm. But now, I’m afraid I may have to carry double loads for the rest of my life!” After a while, the master and the horse arrived at the market safely. The market was very crowded. The master sold all his goods and got a lot of money. He decided to buy a new horse to help him. The horse was very happy. When the master found a new big stronger horse, he was very pleased and satisfied. So he sold the old horse to a butcher. In the end, the old horse deeply regretted for what he did.

## 2. A Creative Story

### The Unbelievable Dream by Ruby Chan Hei Chun (1)

Once upon a time, there lived a pretty girl called Grace. She was a girl who loved exciting things. She was a writer. She wrote things that she saw whenever she went adventure.

Once, she went to a forest and she wanted to search for a flower. It was a flower which all the people had never seen it before. This flower was called “The Bright”. “The Bright” has magic power. If anyone saw it, the person’s dream would become true.

When she walked for two hours, she heard something walking. She looked back and wanted to see what had happened. However, she saw nothing. Suddenly, a man came out and pulled her onto a horse. The man brought her to a little stream. Then he dropped her on the bank of the stream.

When she stood up, she saw “The bright”. She walked towards the flower step by step carefully. Suddenly, a fairy came out. The fairy asked her what her dream was. She told the fairy, “I just want to take a photo with ‘The bright’”. After she took the photo, the fairy said, “I want to know how you could come here. There are many traps in this forest.” The girl was shocked, “Why did that man help me?”

When she was still wondering, she woke up. She knew that this was a dream. Grace was so surprised because it was really a strange

dream. She remembered that she met the man in a forest before.

### 3. A Love Story

Love passes through Time by Jacqueline Ng Wan Ki (13)

Long time ago, there was a young scientist who lived in America named Tony. Tony was born in a village called Love Village. In the village, everyone believed in love except Tony. Tony thought he didn't need any love in his life time. He just thought that what he loved was his job. But one night, he changed his mind.

One night, he was making a great invention for a competition. It was a time machine. The time machine could return anybody to the past. Because of the competition, he spent a lot of time on testing the product. If he won the competition, he would get a lot of money. Then he could use the money to set up a laboratory for himself. That night, he tried his time machine. He set the year 1974. Then he really went back to 1974. He was very happy that his experimental product worked.

In 1974, it was the industrial time in America. Everyone went to work in the factories. Suddenly, Tony thought he didn't have any money to live in the hotel. So he walked around in the street. Suddenly, it rained. When Tony didn't know what to do, a girl walked close to him. The girl was young and very pretty with long hair. Tony had never seen such a beautiful girl before in his life time.

He felt in love with the girl at the first sight.” What’s your name?” he asked. “Amy,” the girl answered. Amy was very passionate and good-natured. She brought Tony back home. Tony was fascinated by Amy. He thought that she was kind to people and he wanted to know more about her. For this reason, he didn’t want to leave her. Every day Tony waited for her in a beach. They always got together liked a pair of newly-married couple. Now Tony knew what love was. They deeply loved each other.

They lived happily until Amy knew that Tony needed money to have a laboratory. She knew that Tony took part in a competition and made a time machine. However, he didn’t want to return back after meeting her. He would rather stay with her and give up the competition. Amy didn’t want him to give up his dream. So she begged him to return back to his time.

So Tony went back to 2007. He won the competition. Tony missed Amy very much. So he used the time machine and returned back to see Amy again. Tony brought along his prize and money. Amy was greatly surprised and extremely happy. They loved each other, got married and lived happily ever after.

# 4B Student

Elaine Lee 4B (11)

Hi Alex,

How are you doing? I know that you often feel lonely and bored, so I want to invite you to join a youth club.

I also felt lonely and bored before joining the youth club. Therefore, my friend asked me to join it last year. I wasn't willing to join at first, but finally I agreed.

There is a wide diversity of activities in the youth club. If you are sporty, you may like going camping, canoeing and fishing with the members. Once I went canoeing with my teammates, I felt so excited. I am sure that you will love it too!

Apart from joining some outdoor activities, I've also joined some interest groups. I am a member of singing, dancing, drawing and drama club. In the drama club, I feel very relaxed. We often play some games together. We may perform a drama to the schoolmates later too.

I also took part in a singing contest last year. I practiced singing with the members of the youth club every Monday. I learnt how to cooperate with my teammates and build a good relationship with them.

There are benefits of joining the youth club. First of all, you can widen your horizon and you will no longer feel bored. Besides, you

will meet a lot of new friends during the activities. As a result, you can improve your social-interaction skills. Maybe some of them will become your best friend. Plus, you can ease your pressure. Dealing with a lot of homework is really stressful. Trust me, I definitely understand how you feel!

Why don't you join us? I can take you to the youth club. I believe you will not be lonely and bored after joining it. You can lead a colour life!

I am waiting for your response. Write back soon!

All the best,  
John



# 4D Student

Yu Wing Yan 4D

A letter to my friend  
8thOct, 2010

Dear Chris,

How's your summer holiday going? Since you have traveled abroad, we haven't chatted to each other lately, haven't we? I believe you're having a great time, so do I! I feel bored in this summer holidays so my mum asks me to join the drama class to widen my social circle and acquire more knowledge. At first, I expected the class would be boring but the fact proved that I was wrong! The drama class is full of fun! You must want to know what I have done in the class, right? Let me tell you more about this.

Our drama class is different from the others. Our teacher doesn't tell us too much about drama's history and its theory, in fact, he always plays games with us and teaches us skills through the games, for example, he teaches us body language through playing the games to let other classmates guess the words behind the screen. It's great fun. Besides, I have learnt more English vocabulary items through reading some stories! After a few lessons, we started to write a play script for the topic "Mulan". After a lot of practice and preparation, I believe that it's the best work that we have ever had and we're going to perform in the production next week!

On that night, I'll wear ancient costume and an exaggerated make-up

to catch audience's attention! It must be an eye-opening experience for me! I really hope that you can come and watch my first performance on stage as I'm the leading actor in this play! Not only can you see how we act but you can also enjoy our singing. I'm sure you'll love it. Each of the actors has three complimentary tickets and I have already reserved one for you, so you only need to bring a camera and tape me video! I've broadened my horizons. I become more confident to show my talent in front of the audience! I believe I'll gain an unforgettable stage experience that night so I hope you can share my joy!

I got to dash. Write back soon. I'm looking forward to hearing from your good news! Bye for now.

All the best,  
Sam

# 4E Students

Learning English through Drama

4E Cheung Ka Lok

17th Sept 2010

Dear Chris,

Hi! How's your summer going? I'm glad to tell you that I will have a performance next Friday. It is a drama called 'Peter Pan', which is famous in different countries. It is about a boy, Peter Pan, who knows magic and is finding a girl called Wendy. If you have time to come and watch the show, you will be amazed by my wonderful performance. Guess what? I'm the leading actor! Let me tell you what I have been doing in the following.

Let me tell you my preparation work first. It is not easy for me to prepare well in this drama. At the end of July, I had been starting the preparation work. At first, no one wanted to be the leading role, Peter Pan. We all knew that if any character was absent, the drama would not be succeeded. That's why I came forward to overcome this big difficulty. I was depressed as I was challenged by difficult actions. At that time, I actually had no courage to do well. It was the reason why other teammates blamed me of my ability. But now, because of my drama teacher's support, I can remember all the sentences and even lead the others as a student-teacher.

During the rehearsal, something happened in the class. Two naughty teammates whom were later discovered by the drama teacher broke some props and costumes. The two boys said that as they were

not chosen as the leading actors, they played tricks on us. They were later expelled and regretted of their ignorant behavior. Actually, my favourite character is Wendy, but not Peter Pan. Wendy is one of the main characters but I find it more challenging to be Peter Pan. Thus, I've such choice.

For the most impressive part in 'Peter Pan', I think that it is the battle with the pirates. Once upon a time, Captain Hook poisoned Peter's medicine secretly. Tinker Bell drank the medicine in order to save Peter's life. Later on, Peter later released the children. As a result, Peter battled with Captain Hook in single and the children fought with the crew, and it succeeded finally! So we can see that, being united is the resource of power.

Watching 'Peter Pan' is not just relaxing and interesting, but it is also meaningful for everyone. People can learn more vocabulary on the one hand, and on the other hand, kill time. I will be more than happy if you can join the drama. I am looking forward to seeing you that day.

Drop me a line soon!

Best wishes,  
Sam

A letter to an unemployed boy who doesn't have a college place  
4E Kwan Chin Ho Jackson

Dear Michael,

How are you? I hope that everything is alright.

I heard that you are unemployed and don't have a college place, so you felt depressed and inevitably under pressure.

Nonetheless, you should not give up because you are still young! Thus, you will have chances to change your fate. Be brave and confident to cope with your wonderful life and treasure any opportunities in the upcoming days. You have enough ability to do so. Grasp every chance in every minute!

Besides, I suggest you to join more extra-curricular activities. For instance, you can go hiking with your friends or family, playing sports and taking initiative to some lectures with an ambitious heart to learn more knowledge. It helps relieving your pressure and at the same time, you can learn more!

Meanwhile, if you have any problems that you are refused to do so or you grudge to do it, you can seek help from your friends. You know, friends are always there for you.

Ultimately, I hope that you can find a job and enjoy your astounding and remarkable life! Please reply!

Yours sincerely,  
Jackson

## My view on policy address (2010-2011)

4E Tracy Chan

From the policy address (2010-11) delivered by Donald Tsang, I would like to focus on three parts, namely, housing policy, wealth gap and youth development. In the following, I am going to comment on the policies.

First, let's focus on the housing policy. It mentioned the land supply, public housing, 'My Home Purchase Scheme', controlling "Inflated Buildings". Housing policy is one of the problems that Hong Kong citizens concern most. Everyone knows that Hong Kong has limited land, but the population density is high. Besides, the price of flat is very high. My Home Purchase Scheme can help those people from the sandwich class to purchase their flat. Controlling "Inflated Buildings" is also important. However, the developers use the concessionary policy to increase the floor area of buildings which is a serious problem. I hope this policy can really help the people.

Second, I would like to talk about the wealth gap problem. In this policy, it mentioned some policies to deal with this problem, for example, setting up community fund, providing work incentive transport subsidy, assisting new arrivals and ethnic minorities. Providing work incentive transport can reduce the expenditure and it can ensure that people can find a better job, too. The community care fund can offer help to the people who are in need in different areas. These policies can make the wealth gap become narrower.

Finally, I would like to share my opinion on youth development. From the figure of the government, unemployment rate of young people is very high. Therefore, the government is going to provide some temporary work opportunities for young people. Besides, organizing a mainland volunteer service scheme under the service corps programme is one of the tools. The temporary work opportunities let young people gain work experience and the mainland volunteer service programme can provide training on education and environmental protection. The youth need to lead the society in the future, so the youth development is essential.

The 2010-2011 policy address involves people from different classes of the society. I hope the government can tell us the details of those policies as soon as possible and solve the existing problems immediately.

Policy Address 2010-11  
Sharing Prosperity for a Caring Society  
4E Yang Lam, Liz

From the Policy Address (2010-11) delivered by Donald Tsang. I would like to focus on three parts, namely, housing policy, public healthcare services and ageing population. In the following, I am going to comment on the policies.

Firstly, I would like to focus on the housing policy since it is an important issue. A house is a necessary shelter for everyone. The Government's housing policy is framed to deal with the living problems of different income groups. First, 'the Government offers a subsidized housing policy to help the low-income group who cannot afford private rental accommodation'. Second, 'the Government will refrain from participating in subsidized housing schemes and minimize intervention in the property market'. Lastly, 'the Government will ensure sufficient land supply for stabilizing the price from being continuous on a rising trend'. The improvement of the housing policy can provide a better living environment and quality for the people. In addition, they can afford the rental or price for a comfortable living environment. For instance, the public housing can prevent the poor from living in a bad condition which is privately held with unreasonable rental such as a cage-home. For the higher-income group, they have more choices to purchase a house in their price range. Because they can easily afford the price of the private residential property,



they will be independent of the Government's assistance. Then, the Government can invest more funds in other areas.

Secondly, I will focus on the ageing population which is common in developed countries. As post-War 'baby-boomers' approach retirement age, we expected the ageing population is going to increase more rapidly and seriously. Due to the public voice, 'the Government will relax the limit of absence from Hong Kong for the Old Age Allowance so that the elderly can enjoy greater flexibility in taking up residence, travelling or visiting relatives in the Mainland'. It is a humanitarian policy because the elderly can choose to live in the mainland but their retired life can still support by the Hong Kong Government. Furthermore, I guess many elderly people will return to the Mainland China to enjoy a great old age after this policy has published. Then, the population stress will decrease at that time in Hong Kong.

Finally, I will focus on the public healthcare services. The health is seen as the most valuable wealth in people's life. Therefore, many people concern about this policy. Besides, the Government also pays lots of attentions in this part because the people's health will affect the labor and the economic development in a place. Consequently, the Government is going to increase public health expenditure and enhance the waiting time for special services. They attempt to reduce the waiting time for special services. They will also train more healthcare workers for the increasing demand for healthcare. The improvement of the public healthcare services will lead to a better

life quality for people.

It seems that the Government has done a lot of preparation for building a better Hong Kong. It has paid a lot of attention in different social issues such as housing, ageing population and healthcare. All in all, the Government has planned well, but the next step is whether they can put into practice of those policies in the future. I hope the practices can help a lot of people improving their life.

# 5A Student

One-sided argumentative – Should students bring mobile phones to school?

5A Cheryl Kan

Whether students should bring mobile phones to school is always a controversial topic. In my view, students bring mobile phones to school does more harm than good.

First of all, students will be distracted even if their mobile phones are on silence mode. Sending SMS and making phone calls are very popular among youngsters. These become their habits more than a way of communication. Therefore, students are always expecting for a message or call. They keep check their mobile see if there are any messages or calls. Mobile phones are the distracters. If a mobile phone suddenly rings in class, the class will, of course, be disturbed. It slows down the teaching schedule.

What is more, various procedures would be involved if someone losses their mobile phones. Mobile phone is a trendy product which symbolizes students' status now. Each phone costs around three to four thousands. Teachers or even police have to investigate if there is a lost. Moreover, it is difficult to decide whether the students who lost the phone should be punished or not for the absentmindedness.

Students may bring more high-tech products to school if mobile phones are allowed. High-tech gadgets like iPod, MP3 and digital camera are also very popular among students. Students may think why they can't bring other gadgets back to school once mobile phones are allowed. Therefore, the line must be set clearly to students

that things do not facilitate learning should not be at school.

All in all, students should not bring mobile phones to school as they have to concentrate in class, avoid losing properties and only bring useful tools to school. Therefore, students should not bring mobile phones to school.

# 5B Student

Good morning Principal, teachers and fellow students. Today, I am here to talk about three most important things in my life.

I think the most important thing is having a target. We need to set our targets every time before we start doing something. By having a target, we will know what and why we are doing some things. It tells our objectives and goals. You may always hear students ask why they should study. Students ask this because they don't have a goal or target. We will not be able to finish a mission with setting a clear target.

The second important thing is support from friends and family. Everyone needs support from others. When we are confused or upset, family and friends give us the power to face and overcome difficulties. That's the reason why we need friends and family members. They help us when we are in need. They make us feel strong and confident. We will suffer from failure easily if they don't support us.

The third thing is knowledge. We go to school every day to acquire knowledge. It is important because it helps us to develop. It allows us to make the right decisions and do right things. Without knowledge, we are nothing. We don't know what to do or how to tackle a problem.

I believe that having a target, support from family and friends and knowledge are the most important elements in my life.

Chan Shek Nam 5B

# 5E Student

A letter to the Editor – Popular Culture has negative effects on the community

5E Michael Lau

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter to the Editor titled ‘Popular culture has negative effects on the community’. I share the writer’s view and I would like to support the writer by providing more specific examples of negative effects on teenagers.

Offensive elements are commonly found in popular culture, thus to change of values of teenagers. Take pop songs and television programmes as examples. To match teenagers’ interests, the producers of songs and programmes usually add elements of sex, violence and more offensive language into songs and programmes. As a result, teenagers listen and watch them day after day, their values may be changed. Worse still, they may follow suit.

What is more, teenagers spend or waste much time and money on keeping themselves trendy. Like the hot merchandizes comics and magazines, teenagers often spend a long time reading them. They read comics from day to night and use almost all of their pocket money to purchase them. However, they may probably have no idea how bad they are. For instance, teenagers spare less or even no time for studying, resulting poorer academic grades. Moreover, not much pocket money is saved for emergency, some of them even do not have enough for lunch or transportation.

Last but not least, popular culture may adversely affect their health if they are addicted to it. Take the Internet as an example; generally, in order to alleviate the pressure of hectic life, teenagers regard the Internet as a mean to release pressure. Nevertheless, in some severe cases, teenagers just sit in front of the computers for eight to ten hours. They would rather play computer games and chat with their friends on MSN than sleeping. They cannot live normally and study well without adequate nutrients from food and sufficient rest. They will probably suffer from an unhealthy lifestyle.

Teenagers are the future of our lives. The negative effects of popular culture on them cannot be ignored. I hope the public can address this issue and encounter it with our teenagers. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,  
Chris Wong, Lam Tin

# 6B Students

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## **When it's tough, think about the poor**

Many students in Hong Kong take education for granted. Students in local public schools get a free education but some of them still complain about the facilities. Some say they get too much homework.

Hong Kong students don't know how lucky they are. They get a good education while millions of children in developing countries cannot even go to school.



Even on the mainland, many children don't go to school. They have to help their parents make a living. Some children travel long distances to attend classes.

Mainland students are much more hardworking than their Hong Kong counterparts because they have experienced difficulties.

Actually, school is not as tough as you think. It's the most enjoyable time of your life. The key is your attitude.

When you are tired after a tough day, think about children who toil away in the field when they should be in school. Then you will learn to treasure what you have.

**Ho Chun-ho, King Ling College**

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## **You can save lives as an organ donor**

Life is the most precious thing in the world. Yet many people are close to losing theirs because they cannot get much-needed organ transplants. Last year alone, more than 2,000 people were waiting for a life-saving transplant operation because there is a lack of organ donors in Hong Kong.

Most people are reluctant to sign up as organ donors. This attitude is the result of a wrong mindset. Many people see being an organ donor as a danger to their own wellbeing.

Schools could hold talks and invite people who have had their lives saved through organ transplants. To educate the public, the government can send mobile education units to housing estates and shopping centres, just as the Department of Health did in 1997. Public service advertisements would also help educate people.

Recently, a customs inspector donated part of his liver to a colleague, as was widely reported. The donor is now celebrated as a hero and he sets a fine example.

Becoming an organ donor means you can help save other people's lives not only while you're alive but even after you die.

**Lester Ho, King Ling College**



## Star letter

### Give children an education

According to the United Nations, nearly 70 million children are not getting an education. That is higher than the number of primary pupils in the United State and Europe. I think this shows the wide gap between the rich and the poor.

American academic John Dewey said “education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself”.

Education plays an important role in our lives. But because of the lack of money and resources for education in developing countries, children cannot go to school to change their lives. As a result, the rich get richer, the poor become poorer.

We in Hong Kong are blessed with nine years of compulsory education. We are very lucky.

There are many ways to help poor children. We can organise activities to raise funds for them. We can also recycle used stationery and send to them.

**Yip Mei-ha, King Ling College**

## From the Editor

Thank you for your letter, Mei-ha. In Hong Kong, we are very lucky that the government provides a minimum number of years of education. This ensures almost all of the population is given a chance to obtain a relatively high standard of general knowledge and life skills.

Ensuring the majority of your citizens, in particular the women, are educated, has far-reaching benefits. If a country has a high literacy level, it is generally more economically powerful and its citizens generally have a higher standard of living.

Sadly, there are many countries where free education is not possible or seen as important. And these countries are ones which are not usually considered "leaders".

Hong Kong students should not take their good fortune for granted. School may not be always be as fun as watching TV, playing with your friends or using your Wii, but it ensures you'll have a brighter future than millions of young people who just don't have the opportunity.

**Karly, Deputy Editor**

